

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 4 – 10, 12 – 17, 22 – 25, and 29 - 31 will be pending, claims 1 – 4, 18 – 21, and 26 - 28 having been cancelled. Claim 31 has been added. No new matter has been introduced. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In the final Office Action dated April 10, 2006, the Examiner stated that claims 9, 10, and 12 - 17 were allowed over the cited prior art. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claims 9, 10, and 12 - 17 are in condition for allowance.

In the April 10, 2006 final Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 5 – 8, 22 – 25, 29, and 30 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 5, 22, and 29 have been rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 5, 6, 8, 22, 25, 29, and 30 have been amended for form. Claims 6 – 8, 23 – 25, and 30 depend directly from claims 5, 22, and 29 respectively and thus were not amended. New dependent claim 31 was added and recites limitations similar to allowed dependent claims 6 and 23. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claims 5 – 8, 22 – 25, 29, and 30 are all in condition for allowance.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 – 4, 18 – 21, and 26 - 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,629,318 to Radha et al. The applicant has cancelled claims 1 – 4, 18 – 21, and 26 – 28.

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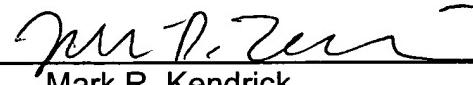
Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested on the ground that it places the application in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes the foregoing amendments place the entire application in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call either of the undersigned attorneys at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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